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¶1. (SBU) On May 15, Poloff discussed the reftel demarche with Silumelume Mubukwanu of the Zambia Mine Action Center (ZAMAC), a unit of the Foreign Ministry. Mubukwanu appreciated the information and was familiar with the issue. According to Mubukwanu, African states agreed to oppose the cluster munitions at a meeting in Livingstone on March 31. Although he did not have any specific comments on Articles 1(b) and 1(c) of the draft treaty, he commented that "the negotiating parties will need to determine what is 'acceptable' and 'unacceptable' harm" and will also need to be "prepared to compromise," given the divergence of views on the issue.

¶2. (SBU) Mubukwanu, who will arrive in Dublin on May 17, said that he would be happy to meet with U.S. representatives on the margins of the session to discuss the U.S. position in greater detail. He said that he will be coordinating the African position, and therefore could also communicate U.S. views to his counterparts on the continent. Post has worked with Mubukwanu in the past on other matters and found him amicable, reasonable, and responsive. He could not provide, off-hand, his contact details in Dublin but said that this information would be available through the conference organizers.  
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